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SUBJECT: CALL ON PRIMIN JONATHAN: SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAG AND
SOWETO

REF: MASERU 0029

1. PRIMIN JONATHAN COMMENTED WITH FORCE AND DETERMINATION ON
CURRENT SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES DURING CALL REPORTED REFTTEL.

2. PM BEGAN BY SAYING THAT HE AND ALL AFRICANS IN THE REGION
ENDORSED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS (NOW PURSUED BY AMB.
RICHARD) TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, IS THAT BLACKS
AND WHITES MUST SPEAK TRUTHFULLY WHEN THEY SAY THEY WANT A PEACE-
FUL SETTLEMENT. LANGUAGE MUST NOT SIMPLY BE "A COVER USED TO MAIN-
TAIN THE STATUS QUO". FRANKLY SPEAKING THE PM SAID "MY FEELING AND
THAT OF OTHER AFRICANS IS THAT PM VORSTER IS NOT SINCERE WHEN HE
SAYS THAT HE SUPPORTS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE IN
ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. HE IS SIMPLY PLAYING FOR TIME AND INTENDS
TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO." THE REGIMES IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA
ARE SUPPORTED BY VORSTER; THE RHODESIAN REGIME WOULD HAVE FALLEN
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LONG AGO, THE PM SAID, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR ASSISTANCE FROM
PRETORIA. IN NAMIBIA VORSTER IS INTRODUCING HIS "BALKANIZATION
PHILOSOPHY". THUS, HE SAID, THE PROBLEM OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS ITS
VERY CORE AND CENTER IN PRETORIA AND IN THE PERSON OF PM VORSTER;
WITHOUT HIS BACKING FOR THE INCUMBENT REGIMES, NAMIBIA AND
ZIMBABWE WOULD HAVE LONG AGO BEEN UNDER MAJORITY RULE.

3. WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA, THE PM SAID, VORSTER IS NOW FACED WITH THE OPPOSITION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, AS IN SOWETO. THESE CHILDREN TELL THEIR PARENTS "YOU HAVE FAILED" AND SAY "LET US TRY NOW". IN THE FACE OF THE OPPOSITION OF THE CHILDREN, VORSTER USES ARMS AGAINST THEM. "THE CHILDREN HAVE DECIDED THEREFORE TO COUNTER ARMS WITH THE ONLY WEAPON AVAILABLE TO THEM - THE MATCHSTICK." POWERFUL SOUTH AFRICAN PROPAGANDA IS BEING CIRCULATED WITH RESPECT TO BLACK SCHOOL CHILDREN. SOUTH AFRICANS ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT MANY YOUNG CHILDREN HAVE NOT RETURNED TO SCHOOLS. THE FACT IS THAT EVEN THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE RETURNED TO SCHOOL DO NOT HAVE EDUCATION IN MIND; WHAT SOUTH AFRICANS DO NOT REALIZE IS THAT

CHILDREN HAVE DECIDED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE. HE SAID THEY CANNOT DO THIS AS WELL WHEN ISOLATED FROM THEIR FRIENDS, MOVING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. THE CHILDREN WILL CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE IN THE SCHOOLS, THE PM ASSERTED.
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